

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

An embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in Figures 1a and 1b. Figure 1a shows a catheter 1 being delivered to the afflicted tissue 9 of a body lumen 8. The catheter 1 comprises an expandable portion 2 having a balloon 3 disposed about the catheter 1. The outer surface of the balloon 3 is covered with a sponge coating 4 of a non-hydrogel polymer having a plurality of voids 10 therein. A drug 5 is placed into the voids 10. An inflation lumen 6 is connected to the balloon 3 to fill the balloon ~~galleon~~-3 with fluid, such as a liquid, or pressurized air gas, and to expand the balloon 3. A protective sheath 7 can be placed around the expandable portion 2 to prevent the drug 5 from being inadvertently released during insertion of the catheter 1 into the body lumen 8.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

The drug 5 is delivered to the afflicted tissue 9 by filling the reservoir 12 through the reservoir lumen 11 with a drug 5. As the balloon 3 is expanded, drug 5 in the reservoir 12 passes or is forced through the porous membrane 13 into the voids 10 of the sponge coating 4. Additional expansion of the balloon 3 causes the drug 5, which is in the sponge coating 4 to be released from the sponge coating 4 into the afflicted tissue 9. A perfusion lumen 17 can be included in the catheter 1 to sustain the inflation of the balloon 3 and infusion of the drug 5 into the sponge coating 4 as shown in Fig. 2c.